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In addition to its usual tactics of obstructing the distribution of Communist propaganda and of arresting and questioning low-level Communists, the Argentine government has recently been engaged in the following anti-Communist activities:

1. The Sub-Secretariat of Press and Propaganda has been instructed to prepare radio and press material denouncing rumors which have been circulating in outside countries that Argentina and the Soviet Union have a secret understanding.
2. The Ministry of Labor has been instructed to intensify its investigation of Communist infiltration of labor unions, particularly among railroad workers. Private detective agencies are now being employed to do some of this work.
3. Federal Police have stationed men in the Immigration Department in an effort to determine whether employees of that agency are engaged in furnishing illegal documentation to undesirable immigrants, i.e. Communists. This measure has been adopted as a result of recent discoveries of illegal immigration rings including one group which provided false documentation to unregistered immigrants.
4. The Coordinacion Federal section of the Federal Police is currently examining correspondence and cables between Budapest and the Communist front organizations Union de Mujeres de la Argentina and Agrupacion Cultural Femenina. Representatives of both these organizations are scheduled to attend the Second International Peace Conference in Budapest, Hungary in December 1948.
5. Federal Police have initiated a surveillance of Atahualpa Yupanqui, well-known Communist poet, in the belief that he is in contact with Spanish and Italian Communists in Argentina.

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